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ABSTRACT

The guide presents information on approximately 150 toys useful for infants and children with sensory impairments. The toys listed are available from stores found nation-wide and the list is organized according to age level (infants, toddlers, and elementary levels). A brief description, price, source, and coding of types of skills the toys may help develop (auditory, balance and coordination, educational, eye-hand coordination, tactile, and visual skills) is included. (CL)

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TOYS FOR SPECIAL CHILDREN

Two years ago two students in Kevin D. Magin's M.S.U. Class, "Educational Methods for Deaf-blind Students," embarked upon an ambitious project of toy evaluation. Toys were identified according to selective abilities/disabilities of infants and children with sensory impairments, with particular attention to deaf-blind children. Our 1982 publication, "Toy Guide: Gifts for Special Children" caused such widespread interest that our new edition includes only products from stores found on a nation-wide basis. Prices may vary.

The authors did not attempt to list every toy in each store. They wished only to give the reader a guide as to the variety of toys available for stimulating various developmental functions in sensory impaired children.

Our thanks to Kevin Magin, to April Coats and Kristy Marquette, the originators, and especially to Mary Przybocki and Stephanie A. Miller, the new editors of this very useful new guide to toys.

CODE: SKILLS THE TOYS MAY HELP DEVELOP

A	Auditory
B/C	Balance and Coordination
E	Educational
E/H	Eye-Hand Coordination
T	Tactile
V	Visual

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V, T	Baby's Basket Play basket and shape sorter. Playskool. Circus World	$ 8.77
E/H, E	Baby's First Blocks 12 blocks in three shapes drop through shape-sorting lid, into cannister. Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us	5.97
A, V, E	Busy Box 10 activities for crib and playpen. Fisher-Price. J.C. Penney	10.99
A, E	Busy Clutch Ball Yellow rubber squeeze ball makes whistling sound. Gabriel. Toys-R-Us	4.99
V	Busy Peek-A-Boo Pull clown's tie and he hides his face. Tomy. Circus World	9.97
A, V, T, E/H	Busy Poppin Pals Push buttons, turn dials, animals pop up and music plays. Child Guidance. Toys-R-Us	10.97
B/C	Cookie Monster Crawl Along Sturdy skooterboard. Child Guidance. Toys-R-Us	17.97
A, E/H	Drum Drop Drop ball into hole in drum, beat drum. Playskool. Toys-R-Us	7.97
V	Flower Rattle Rattle has mirror, face, and teether. Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us, Circus World	3.89
A, V, T	Musical Busy Box 10 activities to help develop sight, hearing, and touch. Fisher Price. J.C. Penney	16.99
A, V	Musical Crib Ferris Wheel Braham's "lullaby" plays as wheel goes around. Fisher-Price. J.C. Penney	16.99
E/H	Play Gym Hangs in crib to develop eye-hand coordination. Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us	8.97
V, A	Rail Runner Moves along crib rail and plays music for about 15 minutes Mattel. Toys-R-Us	17.97

TODDLERS

V, E — Action Stacks..... $ 7.99
8 blocks, each with a different activity built in. Blocks stack on each other or fit into tray. (1-4 yrs)
J.C. Penney

A, V — Bear-In-The-Box..... 10.99
Turn crank and box plays a merry tune. Bear pops up and rotates slowly.
J.C. Penney

E, E/H — Big Lock..... 1.99
Big combination lock.
Kusan. Circus World

A, V — Big Mouth Singers..... 15.97
8 characters sing out notes as piano keys are depressed. With color-coded song book.
Gabriel. Circus World

E/H, E — Box of ABC Blocks..... 5.89
30 blocks
Playskool. Toys-R-Us

A, V — Big Bird Jack-In-The-Box..... 8.47
Plays "This Old Man" as child turns the handle. Two boxes pop up, then Big Bird.
Child Guidance. J.C. Penney

V, T — Brite Blocks..... 13.99
Large flourescent colors with carrying case.
Entex. Circus World

V, A, E/H — Bucky the Wonder Horse..... 20.99
Pull on the hand grips and Bucky's legs kick [illegible]ward.
Pull on reins and he whinneys.
J.C. Penney

V, E/H — Busy Bath..... 10.88
Water power activates toys on panel.
Gabriel. J.C. Penney

A, T — Busy Faces..... 7.99
Turn it, push it, squeeze it. Roly-poly head is full of fun and sounds. Also a mirror.
Fisher-Price. J.C. Penney

A, V — Busy Pot..... 4.27
Chimes ring, cheeks pop in and out, nose squeeks, eyes swirl, and mirror on bottom.
Gabriel. J.C. Penney

A, V — Chime Ball..... 7.97
Chimes, horses and swans inside, rock and chimes sound.
Fisher-Price. J.C. Penney

B/C — Circus Rocker..... $17.88
Cuddliest, most irresistible ponies and they rock. (1-6 years)
J.C. Penney

E/H — Cobbler's Bench..... 5.47
Pound 6 colorful pegs into holes, then flip and pound again. (1-3 years)
Playskool. Circus World

V, T — Cookie Monster Puzzle Clock..... 6.97
Big 3 dimensional numbers fit into correct places on a big stand-up clock.
Child Guidance. Toys-R-Us

V, E/H — Disney Busy Poppin Pals..... 9.97
5 activities to make characters pop up.
Gabriel. J.C. Penney

E — Dress Me Snoopy..... 10.97
Tie, buckle, zip, snap, and button.
Toys-R-Us

E — Dressy Bessy or Dapper Dan..... 13.99
Button, snap, zip, and tie.
Playskool. Toys-R-Us

E — 5-In-1 Take-Apart Truck..... 13.99
Use as a pull along wagon, take-apart toy, shape sorter, and carry basket with handle.
J.C. Penney

V, A, T — Electronic Super Sound Driver..... 21.97
Wheels, buttons, knobs, make lights go on and makes sounds.
Child Guidance. Toys-R-Us

E — Form Fitter and Learning Tower..... 7.25
18 different shapes to fit corresponding holes.
Tower is 12 stacked cups that won't lean.
Gabriel. J.C. Penney

B/C — Gerry Giraffe..... 45.99
A rocking toy, clothes tree, and a toy chest all in one.
J.C. Penney

E, E/H — Giant Rock-A-Stack..... 4.97
Stack different diameter circles on rocking base.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us

V, E/H — Huff 'N Puffs..... 8.89
White fluff beads inside a clear "cloud" bubble. Beads pop up into the bubble.
J.C. Penney

V, T — Hippoa-Go-Go..... 4.97
Flip steel balls into hippo's mouth and it moves toward you.
Toutronic. Toys-R-Us

V, E — Jumbo Blocks..... 8.77 15.39
Brightly colored blocks interlock easily. Four different shapes.
Playskool. J.C. Penney

E/H — Learning Tower..... 2.99
Stacking blocks
Gabriel. Toys-R-Us

V, T — Jumbo Checkers..... 1.28
Checkers and big board.
Lash Tamaron Distributors. Toys-R-Us

B/C, E/H — Jumbo Golf Club and Ball..... 2.84
Lightweight and colorful.
Empire. Toys-R-Us

A, T — Nest O'Rockin Robins..... 9.97
Rocking nest has 3 different shapes for robins.
Bellows in robins make squeaking.
Kenner. Toys-R-Us

E, V — Light and Learn..... 7.97
Sesame Street quiz game. Correct answer makes light go on.
Milton Bradley. Toys-R-Us

V, T, E/H — Little Lace-Ups..... 3.38
Plastic lacing shapes help to develop fine motor skills
Can also be used to outline or practice tracing.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us

E/H — Nok-Out-Bench..... 12.47
When child pounds peg into hole on top, another peg pops out end of bench.
Playskool. Toys-R-Us

V, T — Play Farm..... 4.99
Large single pieces fit into barn shaped board.
Ambloid. Toys-R-Us

E/H — Pound-A-Ball..... 7.97
Pound the ball into hole, ball disappears - comes out and rolls down ramp.
Creative Playthings. Toys-R-Us

A, V — Push Along-Clown..... 6.99
Clown's head bobs and spins and rattles. Open grip handle.
Fisher-Price. Circus World

A, V, E/H — Raggedy Arthur..... 9.99
A remote control dog. He walks, barks, even turns his head.
Bob Bobbs-Merrill Co. J.C. Penney

A, V — Ring-AroundTop..... 9.99
Baby pumps handle and Big Bird and Cookie Monster go around - squeaking and singing.
Muppets, Inc. J.C. Penney

B/C — Rock 'N Roll Hobby Horse..... 7.89
Colorful. Rocks back and forth, side to side, and squeaks with child's movement.
Smellcore. Circus World

V, T, E/H — Sesame Street Workbench..... 9.97
Four different bug plastic tools with accessories to use them on.
Hasbro. Toys-R-Us

V, E/H — Set of 10 Nesting Blocks..... 7.99
Durable, stackable plastic blocks with decals.
J.C. Penney

V, T, E/H — Sit 'N Build..... 13.97
Construction set with large tools and easy to assemble shapes of various size and color. Comes with workbench that fits over child's lap, and carrying case.
Shelcore. Toys-R-Us

B/C, E/H — Sit 'N Spin..... 18.88
Toddlers grip the wheel and control the spin.
Kenner. J.C. Penney

V, A, E/H — Soft Sounds..... 9.97
Play tunes, color-coded songbook.
Kenner. Circus World

B/C — Springy Riders..... 34.99 44.99
For rocking, bouncing fun. Steel center springs attached to bodies and bases. Dragon or frog.
J.C. Penney

V, T — Stack 'N Spin Top..... 6.68
Colorful shapes on a spinning top. Learn shapes and sizes.
Kusan. Toys-R-Us

E, E/H — Stackable Shapes..... 7.88
Graduated blocks stack to 23 1/2" (colorful).
Tonka. Toys-R-Us

V, T — Star Links..... 8.99
Interlocking star shapes. Brightly colored.
Playskool. Circus World

V — Story Book Seat 4.99
Inside, one direction shows trip to the zoo: reverse "Humpty Dumpty."
Smellcore. Circus World

V, E/H — Surprise Pound 'N Pop 8.89
Pictures pop up, blocks fit into shape-sorter holes, come out again in drawers.
J.C. Penney

V, E/H, T, E — Teaching Typewriter 11.09
Teaches reading and counting.
Chicco. Circus World

A — Tap 'N Toot 9.89
Every time a funny face peg is tapped, there is a toot. Different notes.
Gabriel. J.C. Penney

A — Tot Traps 16.77
A drum set. Mounted on the base are a snare and a tom tom.
J.C. Penney

V, E/H, T — Tiny Tie Ups 2.49
Lacing cards.
Nasta. Circus World

A — Traveling Band 11.97
5 real rhythm instruments small enough for little hands.
Child Guidance. Toys-R-Us

E/H — Tub, Tug, & Barge 6.97
Duck, barge, sailor. Barge and stacking blocks for bath.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us

A, V, T — Tuff Stuff Saw 8.47
Pull cord, press starter and get realistic noise and action.
Mattel. J.C. Penney

E/H, V — Tuff Stuff Wonder Blocks 8.97
24 blocks, 2 roof pieces, connector. Deluxe set available.
Mattel. J.C. Penney

E/H — Tuff Stuff Workshop 14.88
Durable with chunky tools and parts of toys and vehicles.
Mattel. J.C. Penney, Toys-R-Us

E/H — Tunnel of Fun 15.97
24" diameter: folds for storage.
J.C. Penney

E/H, T — 12 Make-A-Train Blocks..... 9.88
Each block has 4 wheels for rolling, grooves for stacking, and connectors and decals.
J.C. Penney

E, V, E/H — Wagon of Blocks..... 8.99
Wagon with blocks in various colors, shapes and sizes.
Playskool. Toys-R-Us

B/C — Wonder Walk R Ride..... 24.00
Rocking horse with infant seat.
J.C. Penney

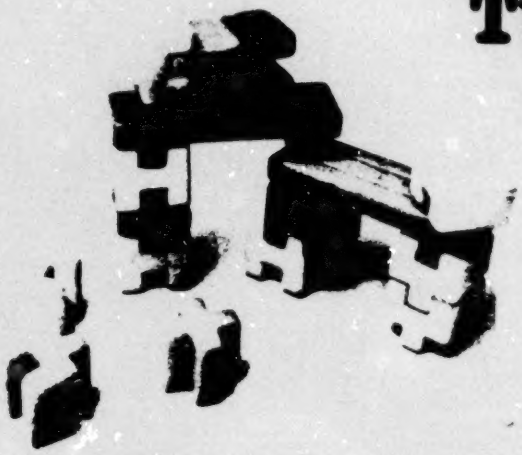
A — Xylo Drum..... 6.99
Xylophone reverses to drum.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us

MATTEL Preschool

Tuff Stuff®

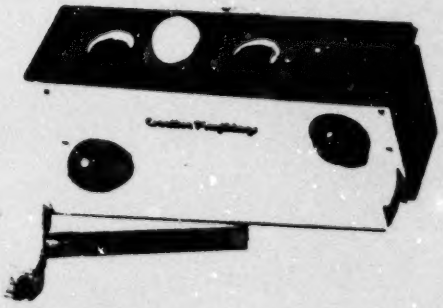
SESAME STREET RING-A-ROUND TOP®

Big Bird and Cookie Monster sail 'round and 'round the high seas in their colorful ringing top when baby pumps the handle. And both come out of their boats for squeezing and squeaking landlubbin' fun.

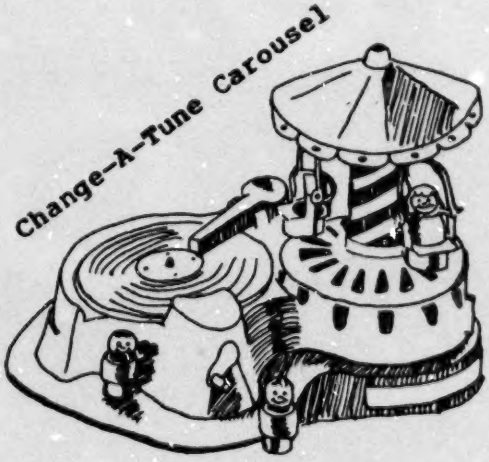


JUMBO BLOCKS
For the youngest builder, a first connecting set. Easy to fit the soft large, rounded pieces into lots of intriguing combinations. 16 pieces, 4 shapes, 4 bright colors. 1½-5 years.
$9.00

DRESS-ME SNOOPY
This soft, cuddly Snoopy doubles as a teaching aid. The inside of his vest is multicolored with each patch identified by name. There's a shoe lace to tie, a shoe to buckle, a vest to zip up and down and pockets to button and snap. Lots of opportunity for things to talk about and manipulate. 14" tall.
$10.95



POUND-A-BALL
Pound 4 colorful balls into the 9¾" long wooden box. Watch them reappear through the side hole and roll down the ramp. 1½-3½ years.



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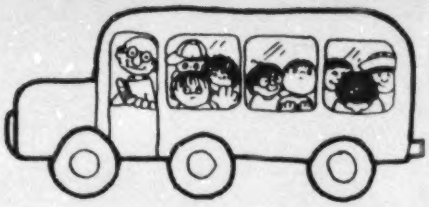
GIANT ROCK-A-STACK
Ten fluorescent plastic rings fit the plastic cone in order of size and spectrum. A removable ball at the top of the stack holds the rings in place. For ages 6 months-3 years.
$4.67

for older hands

ELEMENTARY



A, V — Alphie II $31.96
Childs first computer.
Playskool. Circus World

E/H, E — Big, Big Tool Bench 16.99
Clawhammer, wrench and screwdriver hang on tool rack. With vise, pegs, screws, nuts, and bolts.
Playskool. Toys-R-Us, J.C. Penney

T, E/H — Bristle Bears 9.88
Bristle blocks in the shape of bears. 39 or 72 piece set.
Playskool. Circus World, Toys-R-Us

T — Bristle Blocks 8.88 25.00
Shapes with flexible bristles which stick together. 39 or 72 piece set.
Playskool. Circus World, Toys-R-Us

E — Button Ups 9.97
58 piece fabric construction set.
Fisher-Price. Circus World, J.C. Penney

A, V — "Candy Man" Music Box Radio 7.87
Story revolves as music plays.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us

T, A — Cheerleader Pom Pons 4.88
By Miss America. Circus World, Toys-R-Us

E, V — Computer Teach N Test 23.88
Over 6,500 pre-programmed math questions and answers. Flashes "right" and "wrong."
J.C. Penney

V, E/H — Crawler Crane 12.97
Turn cranks to move crane towards objects to pick up.
Tonka. Toys-R-Us

V, T — Disney Showboat 15.47
Put Mickey in the boat with the other Disney characters and it starts to move. Propeller revolves and funnel lights up.
Walt Disney Productions, Inc. J.C. Penney

V — Electric Sky Writer 30.99
Magic wand. Punch message in the keyboard, wave wand, and message appears in the air.
J.C. Penney

T — Gridlock 3.97
Raised geometric shapes accommodate silhouette pieces to complete the puzzle.
Ideal. Toys-R-Us

T, E/H — Giant Loc Blocks $11.99
70-125 piece set. Large blocks shaped like legos. 25.99
Playskool, Toys-R-Us, J.C. Penney

V — Gloc Block Set ..... 15.9.
400 piece set. Safe, and blocks glow in the dark.
Also contains regular blocks for color reversal.
J.C. Penney

T — Hairy 7.99
Fuzzy animal glove.
Knickerbocker. Toys-R-Us, Circus World

T — Hoppity Mickey Mouse 13.99
Also horse and Spider-Man 17.88
J.C. Penney

V, T, E/H — Jumbo Wood Blocks 6.79
Large beads in 4 shapes and 4 colors. Stringer and storage container included.
Playskool. Toys-R-Us

B/C — Jumpin Jiminy 15.89
Rubber innertube covered on top and bottom with polyester laminated to vinyl. 37.89
J.C. Penney

T, E — Lego 16.99
Universal building sets 38.95
Lego. Toys-R-Us, J.C. Penney

T, E — Lincoln Log Set 9.97
Interlocking wooden logs, signs, etc. 36.89
Playskool. Toys-R-Us, Circus World

V, E/H — Lite-Bright 13.88
Create colorful pictures that light up. Peg and picture refills available.
Hasbro. Toys-R-Us

V, E/H — Lights Alive 19.97
More utensils for a more creative light picture.
Tomy. Circus World

V — Light Up Drawing Desk 15.95
Light comes through any paper for night writing or tracing etc.
Lakesides. Circus World

A — Marching Band 12.97
Drum, cymbals, maracas, tambourines, and harmonica.
Fisher-Price. Circus World, Toys-R-Us

T, A — Merlin 29.97
Electric Sounds
Parker Brothers. J.C. Penney

E/H, T — Modeling Clay ..... $ 7.99
8 bright colors with work mat.
Crayola. Circus World

T, A — Music Box Record Player 17.88
5 records play 10 tunes.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us

V — Nitelite Football 9.88
Plastic football really lights up.
J.C. Penney

A, E/H — Operation 9.87
Coordination game. Take pieces out without touching the sides.
Milton Bradley. Toys-R-Us

A — Phonograph 38.88
Built for small children.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us

E/H, T — Play-Doh 3.47
3 pound can. Assorted colors.
Kenner. Toys-R-Us

A — Play Family Change-A-Tune Carousel 17.95
Six tunes on 3 discs with resolving carousel.
Fisher-Price. J.C. Penney

T, E — Pop-O-Matic Bingo 7.97
Raised plastic numbers that are pushed in when number is called.
Gabriel. Toys-R-Us

V, E/H, A — Pull-A-Tune Xylophone 9.88
Plays a tune when hit or pulled. Color-coded music folder.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us, Circus World

E/H, E — Scooby-Doo Puzzle Clock 3.99
Has 12 removable numbers and moving hands.
Hasbro. Toys-R-Us

A, V, E — See-N-Say, The Bee Says 10.77
Point bee to letter and pull string. Voice.
Mattel. Circus World, Toys-R-Us

A, V, E — See-N-Say, The Farmer Says 10.77
Animal sounds when pointer points at animal.
Mattel. Circus World, Toys-R-Us

A, V, E — See-N-Say, Mother Goose Says 10.33
Mattel. J.C. Penney

T, A — Select O-Tune Musical Computer 18.99
12 tunes at the press of a button.
Tiger. J.C. Penney

A — Sesame Street Cassette Player..... $29.88
One cassette of 24 Sesame Street songs.
By Children's Television Workshop.
J.C. Penney

V, A, E — Simon..... 32.50
Players repeat random lights and sound sequence.
Milton Bradley. Toys-R-Us, Circus World

V, A, E — Super Simon..... 37.88
Over 20 ways to play.
Milton Bradley. Toys-R-Us, Circus World

E, E/H — Stack-N-Bolt..... 7.77
Stack and twist toy. Lock washer, flat washer, and star washer slip onto bolt.
Toys-R-Us, J.C. Penney

E/H — "Star Wars" Empire Strikes Back Toothbrush..... 6.79
Electric toothbrush runs on batteries.
J.C. Penney

E/H, E — Super Mr. Potato Head..... 4.99
36 facial features and accessories.
Hasbro. Toys-R-Us, J.C. Penney

V, A, E — Talking-Learning System..... 20.97
See words in print, see a picture about the word, hear the word. Line up to 4 words.
J.C. Penney

E/H — Tinkertoy Set..... 6.97
100 or 250 pieces.
Gabriel. Toys-R-Us

T, E, E/H — Tool Kit..... 15.99
23 piece kit includes wind-up drill with attachments, bolts, workbench.
Fisher-Price. Toys-R-Us

E, E/H — Tool Kit..... 16.99
Wind-up drill turns plastic screws and bolts in the holes. Put together 3 piece workbench - has ruler and vice.
J.C. Penney

T, E — Trouble..... 7.47
Pop-o-matic. Three dimensional board game.
Pop-o-matic. Circus World

T, E, E/H — Tuff Stuff ABC Blocks..... 10.67
Non-toxic, washable, wooden blocks. 30 blocks in shape of ABC's, also number blocks.
J.C. Penney

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A, V **Tuneyvill Choo Choo**.....$13.99
Plays its own records as it rolls along.
4 discs with 11 songs
Tomy. J.C. Penney

V, E **Tutor Typer**..... 9.87
Picture and a word illustrate each letter or number.
Tomy. J.C. Penney

B/C **Twister**..... 9.97
Big color dots to put arms and feet on.
Milton Bradley. Toys-R-Us

E/H, E **Universal Building Set**..... 11.97
A large selection of building bricks. 25.97
Lego. Circus World, Toys-R-Us

B/C **Wonder Rocking Horses**..... 34.99
With springs. Different Sizes. 68.00
Toys-R-Us, J.C. Penney

E **Woodtop Workbench**..... 11.88
Take apart and reassemble with play tools.
Playskool. Toys-R-Us

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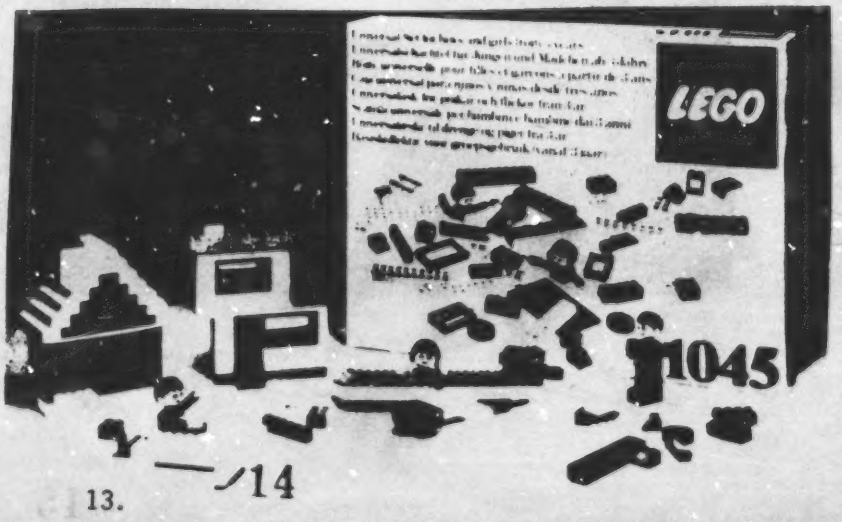
TWISTERS

TWISTER GAME
Funny test of "pretzel ability" aids in coordination, color recognition and right/left motor skills.

BUTTON-UPS
Innovative 58 piece fabric construction set. Stack, fold, bend, button and create with 30 foam-fabric pieces in 11 whimsical shapes and 4 colors. Washable, dryer safe. 4-8 years.

GIANT TINKERTOY
Sixteen times bigger than the traditional classic. Engineered to be indestructible during safe, sturdy construction indoors or out. 53 colorful plastic rods and spools. 22 pounds of unlimited creative possibilities for children of any age. Durable storage container. Instruction booklet.



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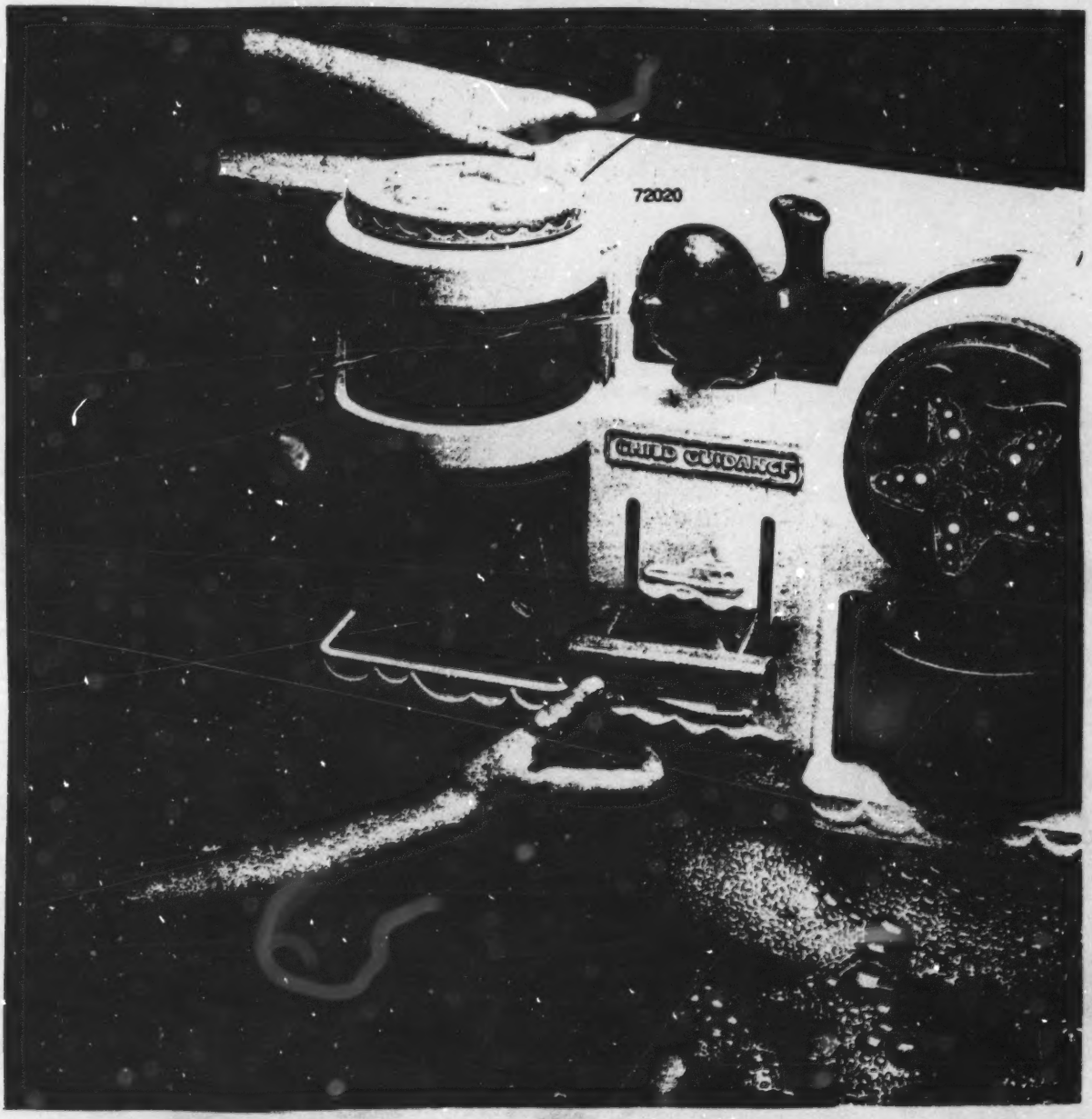

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